

# Bridgeport Evening Farmer

VOL. 51—NO. 211

BRIDGEPORT, CONN., TUESDAY, SEPT. 7, 1915

PRICE TWO CENTS

## SUBMARINE IS LOST AFTER TORPEDOING BRITISH WARSHIP

German Undersea Boat U-27 Missing Since Attack on Small Cruiser—War Office Believes It To Be Lost.

Petrograd in Panic at Reports That Germans Capture Riga—Czar Personally Takes Command of Russian Armies.

Berlin, Sept. 7.—The Admiralty announced today that the German submarine U-27 sank a small British cruiser several weeks ago. The U-27 has not been heard from since August 10, the Admiralty also says, and probably is lost.

The announcement follows: "According to the report of one of our submarines, it met the U-27 on the high seas after the latter, about August 20, had sunk a small British cruiser of an old type west of the Hebrides Islands. The U-27 has not since returned and must be regarded as lost."

The submarine U-27 had not figured conspicuously in the records of German naval operations. She was built in 1912-13. She was equipped with three torpedo tubes.

**Czar in Command of Russian Armies**

Paris, Sept. 7.—In a message to President Poincaré, Emperor Nicholas announces that he has placed himself in command of all the Russian armies.

## PETROGRAD IN PANIC FOLLOWING REPORTS OF RIGA'S CAPTURE

Berlin, Sept. 7.—The Overseas News Agency says that a panic was caused in Petrograd yesterday by rumors that this Russian Baltic port of Riga had been captured.

"The Lokai Anzeiger, publishes private telegrams from Stockholm," says the news agency, "stating that the Russian capital was thrown into confusion by reports that the positions of the Dvina line had been captured, that Russian armies had been destroyed, that Riga had been taken and that the German advance upon the capital would be no longer hampered. Immense crowds gathered in front of the newspaper offices. There was great excitement and many arrests were made."

"Towards evening the newspapers published extra editions containing official denials of these rumors and saying the Russian defensive positions were still intact. However, the spread of panic was checked in the capital and reports of Emperor Nicholas' trip to the front are only a pretense to veil the removal of the Emperor's residence to the interior."

## TEUTONS WANT REGA AS WINTER QUARTERS

London, Sept. 7.—The immediate objective of the Austro-German campaign in Russia becomes clearer with the growing indications that the invaders need the Baltic port of Riga not only as a base for present operations in the direction of Petrograd (Continued on Page 2)

## EIGHTY MILLIONS MORE OF BRITISH MONEY SENT HERE

Portland, Me., Sept. 7.—The value of the gold and securities brought to Halifax yesterday on the ship Argyle and which passed through Maine early today on the way to New York to strengthen British credit, exceeds \$80,000,000.

The gold consists of 11,550,000 English sovereigns, equivalent to about \$58,250,000, and \$7,850,000 in United States coin. The value of the bonds is \$14,000,000.

This is \$30,000,000 in excess of the value of each of the two previous shipments of gold and collateral securities.

A different route from this city to New York than that followed by the two previous shipments of gold from England by way of Halifax, was taken today by the treasure train of seven steel express cars.

The train, guarded by two score armed men, and protected by a pilot train, reached here at 8:57 a. m., and 15 minutes later, after changing engines, was sent out over the Worcester, Nashua and Portland division of the Boston & Maine. It should reach New York late this afternoon. The other trains went by way of South Lawrence and Lowell and Worcester.

## Father Plunkett III With Throat Trouble

Rev. Edward J. Plunkett, pastor of St. Anthony's R. C. church of Colorado Avenue has gone to Twin Lakes for a rest following a severe attack of throat trouble. During his absence Rev. Henry Callahan of St. Stephen's church will officiate at the regular Tuesday evening services.

## CAPITAL AWAITS OFFICIAL REPORT ON HESPERIAN

Not Known Yet Whether Mine or Torpedo Sunk Steamer of Allan Line.

Washington, Sept. 7.—Commanding officers of the sunken liner Hesperian in a joint affidavit forwarded to the state department today declared from the fragments of steel which fell on the deck it was "indubitably" shown that the ship was struck by a torpedo.

Washington, Sept. 7.—To-day's official despatches still left in doubt whether the Allan Line Hesperian was sunk by a torpedo or a mine. The state department and the White House continued to deny any action or decision.

Secretary Lansing says his reports were inconclusive and failed to establish exactly how the ship was destroyed. On despatch from Consul Frost referred to the Hesperian as having sunk "near where she was torpedoed."

Ambassador Page transmitted information he had received from the British Admiralty which disclosed that the ship had been used in military service at all since the beginning of the war.

The official reports from both German and British sources. The consul officers in England, meanwhile, will rather statements from American who were on board.

Consul Frost's message said: "The Allan line believe there were no American passengers. Two American stewards were saved, Francis J. Dullas, of Buffalo, and Barney McMillen, of Grand Rapids. Both were below when the torpedo struck. Total loss of life is perhaps 20."

There is a strong possibility that the United States may change its attitude toward what constitutes carrying a merchant vessel and in the light of the development of submarine warfare, may hold that the mounting of small defense guns only, heretofore considered not arming a ship, may be considered armament which will remove the vessel from the non-combatant class.

State department officials pointed out that a 4.7 gun such as is reported to have been mounted on the Hesperian is of sufficient size to sink a submarine. Proof of this fact, officials think, might be construed as a purpose to challenge the German blockade.

It was pointed out in the same connection that the British ship Walmana, mounting a small gun, has been held up for some time at Newport News while the state department has been deciding her case.

## ALBANY TROLLEY TRAFFIC TIED UP AS 1,600 STRIKE

Albany, Sept. 7.—All street car traffic in Albany, Troy, Cohoes, Watervliet and Green Island is tied up today because of a strike of conductors and motormen over the method of suspending employees for alleged rule infractions. About 1,600 men are involved. The lines are owned by the United Traction Company.

The 800 conductors and motormen on the local lines walked out yesterday and this morning a similar number from the Troy local struck in keeping with their working agreement with the Albany local. The Troy men operate the cars in Watervliet, Green Island and Cohoes, cities near Troy.

Fear is expressed that the Schenectady local may walk out today or tomorrow, although this morning its members had taken no official action looking to a strike.

No serious trouble has been experienced in any of the cities where the strike is in effect. In all cars are locked in the barns and there is no intention to break the strike with imported workers, company officials say.

Later in the day 200 trackwalkers on the Albany line struck. The men, who are unorganized, demand an increase in wages from \$1.75 to \$2 a day.

Troy, N. Y., Sept. 7.—The Troy division, involving between 300 and 350 men, was tied up this morning at the end of the regular night runs about 4:30 o'clock. Travel is being carried on by various conveyances.

## WEATHER FORECAST

Partly cloudy tonight and Wednesday. Moderate south winds.

## BOWEN EXPOSES MAYOR WILSON'S LABOR DAY SHAM

Gives the Lie Direct to Chief Executive's "Explanation" to Labor.

## MAYOR'S OWN WORDS SHOW HIS HYPOCRISY

Seeking to Dodge Responsibility of His Acts, He Furnishes Amusement.

The sleep of Clifford B. Wilson, mayor of Bridgeport and lieutenant governor of Connecticut, was a calm and untroubled one last night. He slept the sleep of the just. Labor's wrath had been appeased, he felt, because he "explained" and labor men believed.

Overlooking the point that he hadn't been invited and in fact had been the object of a special blackball session, Mayor Wilson seized the opportunity yesterday afternoon to palliate the enormity of his discriminations against labor and to cloak by explanations what had aroused the ire of the thousands of Labor union members in the state.

Election time is drawing near and Mayor Wilson went to the biggest city in the state to recover some of the votes he lost by his tyrannical attitude toward unions.

His "explanation" was laughed at by labor leaders in this city, although many in New Haven took it seriously. "Capital combines," said Mayor Wilson, "Why should not labor? I believe too, that labor should participate in the success of capital, for the success of capital is due to the intelligence and faithfulness of labor."

Some of the Bridgeporters in the crowd, watching their mayor address the Central Labor union of New Haven, remembered the flouting received by the Central Labor union of Bridgeport when that body protested to the common council against the action of the mayor in restraining speakers, and the protest was relegated instantly to the administration junk heap.

The mayor's sorry effort to explain the Cederholm, Bowen and Nelson incident had somewhat of the desired effect. The crowd, however, in the light of the opinion was advanced that his statements were boomerangs.

The quoted statements of Mayor Wilson were shown George J. Bowen, business agent of the International Association of Machinists, this morning. "That isn't so," was the almost invariable answer as he read each of them.

Here is the "explanation," as reported in an Elm City journal: "Now, we have had some questions, some disputes, some misunderstandings in Bridgeport, and I want to tell you, very briefly, what happened there. Frederick Wedekind, who is a former alderman and a member of socialist party, and the machinists' union, and George Bowen, also a member of the machinists' union, and a man who gave his name as Nelson, sought a permit to speak in Bridgeport a few weeks ago. Permission was given to Frederick Cederholm to address the people where he chose. The suggestion was made, and agreed to, that before he or the others spoke, they should seek a permit. The next day Nelson spoke with a permit; the second day he spoke without a permit." (Continued on Page 2)

## Wilson Unwelcome Guest of Labor At New Haven Jubilee

How Mayor Clifford B. Wilson attended a party to which he hadn't been invited and where he wasn't very popular became known today.

Mayor Wilson went to the Labor Day celebration in Savin Rock, after his big parade in New Haven, yesterday and he addressed the meeting.

His appearance caused a sensation because it was known that the Trades Council in the Elm City had voted not to invite him because of his attempts to deny the right of free speech in Bridgeport.

Ira M. Ornburn, organizer of the State Federation of Labor, said this morning that the secretary of the council or one of the clerks had neglected to send an official notice to the mayor that his invitation was revoked.

According to Mr. Ornburn, Mayor Wilson went to New Haven yesterday and met the officials of the council. He told them that he had read in the newspapers of the revocation but as he didn't receive any notification, he thought he would attend anyway.

They couldn't very well send him away so they let him speak his little piece, which is printed in another column.

Some action on the attitude of Mayor Wilson toward labor is likely to be taken at the convention of the State Federation, which began today in New Haven. Despite the honeyed words he distributed yesterday, the officials of the unions are undecided as they have evidence of what he has done in Bridgeport.

The convention is the greatest ever held by the State Federation. It will last until Friday evening, and possibly until Saturday.

## Vice Commission Will Meet Tonight In Public Library

There will be a meeting of the vice commission in the public library at 8 o'clock tonight when plans for procedure will be discussed. Attorney Chapman expects to have the report of the Hartford commission so that the local commissioners may familiarize themselves with the proceedings followed there.

## MANY AGENCIES ON KING'S TRACK SAYS CUMMINGS

Fairfield Lawyer's Arrest May Be Brought About on Bench Warrant.

"Unless a warrant is issued by some other official in the meantime, when the superior court comes in at Bridgeport next Tuesday, I shall ask the court for a bench warrant for the arrest of Mr. Clifton H. King on the charge of forgery," said States Attorney Homer S. Cummings today. Mr. Cummings said that he had not asked for a warrant before because such warrants can only be granted when the superior court is in session. A warrant for the arrest of King he issued by a grand juror of a town or by the prosecuting attorney of a city. Mr. Cummings said he has been away a week and just returned to his office today. He does not know whether there is a warrant out for King. But if there isn't he will ask for one from a judge of the superior court.

None of the grand jurors of Fairfield have had specific complaints of misconduct against King and consequently no warrant is out in that town.

You may say as coming from me," said Mr. Cummings today, "that since complaint about Mr. King was made to me I have taken every means to see that the public was safeguarded and that the ends of justice should not be defeated. Immediately after receiving the complaints against Mr. King I set certain agencies at work investigating the complaints and trying to locate King. What they have accomplished I do not yet know. I decline to say at this time what these agencies were."

Up to today no tidings of the missing Fairfield lawyer and politician who is alleged to have forged mortgage deeds and raised money on other fraudulent papers have been obtained.

Since he started company with his law partner, John P. Gray in the Hotel Garde, Hartford, two weeks ago Saturday King has completely dropped out of sight.

There seems to be no confirmation of the story that King's friends are raising a fund to try and aid him out of his difficulties. F. Sherwood Burr, of Southport, is probably the last person who saw King in Fairfield. He met him at 4:30 on the morning of Saturday, August 28, when King was walking toward Bridgeport.

## BURNS & BASSICK GIRLS SAY THEY HAVEN'T 8 HOURS

Committee Calls on Management to Have Promised Schedule Instituted.

A committee of girl employees of the Burns & Bassick Co. called on the officials of the plant this afternoon, asking for increased wages, the institution of the eight hour day, which was promised, and overtime adjustment.

James E. Roche, chairman of the executive committee of the A. F. of L. said this afternoon: "The girls are not getting the eight hour day in the Burns & Bassick shop. They are asking for it, and they want time and a half for overtime after eight hours."

James E. Roche, chairman of the executive committee and Mrs. Mary Scully, organizer of the A. F. of L., were indignant today because the Bridgeport girls didn't win a prize in the Labor Day parade yesterday in New Haven.

The girls were entitled to it," said Mr. Roche. "They made the best showing, I think of any marchers."

## Judge Walsh Opens Common Pleas Court

The first sign of activity in the courts was seen this morning when the criminal common pleas court began the September term with Judge Walsh on the bench. Albert Whitaker, a Waterbury boy who went to Detroit to seek his fortune and started for home on freight trains, was fined \$25 for stealing a ride. He was arrested in Newtown last month. The court suspended sentence and placed Whitaker on probation. Several other minor cases were settled.

## G. C. Edwards Sues W. H. Maby For \$525

George C. Edwards of this city has brought suit against William H. Maby of this city to recover \$525 for money alleged to be due for rent. Edwards recently got judgment against Maby for \$50 in a justice court. Maby was a short time ago adjudged to be mentally unbalanced. The present action is returnable to the September term of the common pleas court.

## Myra Walshe Higgins Brings Divorce Suit

Myra K. Higgins of this city has brought divorce proceedings against George Higgins of this city on the ground of intolerable cruelty. The couple were married September 20, 1908. Mrs. Higgins' maiden name was Myra Walshe. She was a popular resident of Fairfield before her marriage.

## BIG CHANGES GO INTO EFFECT IN SCHOOL SYSTEM

Greatest Number of Transfers in History Here Instituted by Slawson

## FOUR SHIFTS MADE AMONG PRINCIPALS

Appoint First Male Teacher in Grades to Inculcate "Education."

The largest number of transfers and changes ever made in the teaching force in the public schools of this city will be recorded tomorrow when the schools open for the autumn term. Three district supervisors have been named, several principals have been transferred and a large number of teachers were changed.

The changes among the principals are: Miss Carrie Woodard from Sterling street school to Garfield school, Miss Luella Callahan from Garfield to the new Read school, Miss Grace Van Wyck from Bryant school to Sterling street school.

The first male teacher ever introduced into the Bridgeport grade schools will be George H. Shafer, who has been appointed to a large salary to teach "Education" to the girls at the Clinton avenue school.

According to reports, Harrison Streeter, principal of Maplewood school, E. E. Cortwright, principal of Shelton school, and Robert L. Zink, principal of Lincoln school, have been named district supervisors for the schools.

Many of the teachers are dissatisfied with their new assignments but Superintendent Samuel J. Slawson of the school system said today that the assignments are tentative ones and during the week, as the term gets under way, changes will probably be made until the system is working smoothly. Superintendent Slawson called one by one today, every principal, supervisor and special instructor for a few minutes' consultation at his office. He was also busy re-assigning teachers and arranging for their assignments.

This afternoon at 3 o'clock there was a meeting of all teachers in the assembly room of the Bridgeport High school when Dr. Slawson made an address outlining what he expected of the teachers during the coming term. H. D. Simonds, principal of the High School also spoke.

Although various estimates of the increase in the number of school children have been made, Dr. Slawson said today that no good estimate could be made before Thursday. It is the belief of some school officials that the increase in the number of new pupils to-morrow will not reach the estimate that has been made but that it will increase greatly as fast as new houses are built in the East End and more families move here.

For several years the increase has been about 2,000 pupils per year. The average monthly attendance last year was 17,000. Eight rooms in the Read school in North avenue are finished and ready for occupancy. The remaining eight will be finished as rapidly as possible and it is expected they will be ready about November 1. It is expected the new Clermont school will be ready at that time also.

Miss Bessie E. Howes will be principal of both the Bryant and Clinton avenue schools. The credits have been transferred from the Clinton avenue to the Bryant school.

Four new rooms have been added in the Whittier school. New chimneys have been placed on the Burns & Bassick school and repairs have been made to the roof. All schools will open tomorrow on full time schedule and if it is necessary half time schedules will be arranged at the schools which are (Continued on Page 12)

## A. T. & S. HOT ROLLING DEPT. MEN ON STRIKE

Quit Jobs This Afternoon—More Expected Among Night Gang.

One hundred men employed in the hot rolling mill department of the American Tube & Stamping Co. walked out this afternoon, according to a police report at the third precinct station.

More were to leave at 5, according to the report of the policemen on the beat. A special detail of policemen will be sent to the factory.

## Violators of Game Laws, Punished, May Have Killed Judge

Providence, R. I., Sept. 7.—Efforts were made by the authorities today to trace the movements of persons alleged to have shown unfriendliness toward Justice Willis S. Knowles, of the 8th district court, who was murdered at North Scituate yesterday.

The theory to which the police inclined to attach importance was that the justice was shot by some one who was in fear of prosecution as a result of Justice Knowles' activities in trying to secure the punishment of violators of the fish and game laws.

A search for one suspect during the night was without result. It was announced today that the body of Justice Knowles would be taken to his former home at Hockingsport, O., for burial.

## ASK GOMPERS TO TAKE CHARGE OF LOCAL INQUIRY

Roche, Head of Labor Movement Here, Promises Most Thorough Investigation, And Says If What Leaders Suspect Proves To Be True Certain City Officials Must Go—No Money Will Be Spared, He Says.

## GRAPHOPHONE EMPLOYEES REFUSE COMPANY OFFER; MEET TONIGHT

Crane Company's Chicago Plant May Become Involved in Local Trouble If Matter is Not Settled, Say Leaders of Strike Here—Roche Warns Strikers Against Plot to Incite Them To Violence.

That the American Federation of Labor will bring the whole power of its tremendous nation-wide organization to remove from office any official or officials who are found to be discriminating against labor, was the substance of statements made this morning by James E. Roche, chairman of the executive committee of the A. F. of L., in assuring the Crane Co. strikers that the vast federation will look after their interests.

Mr. Roche tried many times yesterday and today to get Samuel Gompers on the long distance telephone to explain in person, the situation in Bridgeport, particularly the manner in which alleged rioters from the Crane Co. plant were deprived of their liberty for a year. Gompers is in Illinois at a convention, but Mr. Roche said this morning that distance and money are small matters compared with the urgency of the need of immediate investigation of the court proceedings.

"There's going to be a full investigation of the trouble that occurred last week," Mr. Roche asserted in addressing the Crane Co. men at a mass meeting held in Eagles' hall.

"We won't stop until we investigate the records of everything and every person involved in this matter and if we find what we suspect is true, we will try to remove from office everyone who had a hand in the wrong-doing."

Mr. Roche urged the necessity of peaceful methods. "We have been peaceful," he said, "and the only trouble occurred when it was provoked by others. Use peaceful methods. Go down and do your picket duty and if a policeman interferes tell him about your picket rights."

"There are strike breaking agencies here in Bridgeport and they are sending men among you to foment trouble and cause disturbances."

Mr. Roche said this morning that a legal representative of the A. F. of L. will be here here tomorrow or Thursday.

Harry Spies, organizer of the A. F. of L., who is acting as speaker for the Crane Co. strikers, said this afternoon that the Chicago plant of the company will be pulled out on strike. "The local organizers in Chicago will be notified and a strike will be called," said Spies.

The American Federation of Labor issued an order Saturday that every man employed in the Crane Co. West End plant quit his job. At the meeting this morning it was reported that only 14 men are in the plant, outside the offices, and that the patternmakers quit Saturday at noon. All the school and machinists and patternmakers have quit, it was reported.

Mrs. Mary Scully addressed the morning. She said that from what the organizers understood the trouble was forced on the Crane strikers.

The American Graphophone Co. situation appears to be the most serious of those in factories where strikes are threatened. A committee called on the officials of the plant Saturday and the eight hour day was offered. It was refused because the

## WATERBURY PLANT CLOSED BY STRIKE OF LABORERS; POLICE IN LIVELY BATTLE

Waterbury, Sept. 7.—The entire plant of the Randolph-Clowes company had to shut down this morning when 100 laborers employed in different parts of the factory left their place of employment on a demand for an 8-hour day and an increase in pay. The men have been paid \$1.65 per day, but want \$2. They simply walked out this morning and it was said at the factory that no formal request for an increase had been made. After the laborers had left the machinists, rollers and others had to quit.

The factory officials refused to give out any statement, except to say that the entire plant was practically closed. Two men, Carmel Novelle and Salvatore Barnabo, were arrested this morning, following a strike of laborers employed by the Sperry Construction Co., contractors on the new factory buildings being erected by the Scoville Manufacturing company. These men, 100-44, went out after filing a request for \$2.50 per day. Their present rate of pay is \$2 per day.

The men arrested, it is charged, refused to disperse when told to do so by Policeman Overton and a small sized riot followed. Policeman Tanquey went to Overton's assistance, and the two men were soon in the middle of the fight. Overton's club was seized and Tanquey was knocked to the ground and it is claimed was bitten by one of the crowd. After it was all over, in a few minutes, the police made the arrests of the men mentioned above. They are charged with breach of the peace.

## Present F. W. Smith With Loving Cup As 8 Hour Day Begins

Friend W. Smith, president of the Smith & Egge Co., was presented with a silver loving cup this afternoon by his employees in appreciation of the eight hour day, which goes into effect at the factory today.

A committee called on Mr. Smith at 4:30 o'clock and he was greatly pleased at the token of friendship. The whole-hearted support of the employees in building up the factory was promised by the committee.

Mr. Smith is probably the oldest manufacturer in Connecticut, taking part in the active work of the concern with which he is connected. He was postmaster in Bridgeport when Abraham Lincoln was president.